

New Haven, CT, Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Mellon MS 20

Description: ff. 146 - Denis Duveen; Mellon MS 21, acquired with the Duveen collection. Gift of Paul and Mary Mellon, 1965. - Witten, Laurence C. and Pachella, Richard. Alchemy and the Occult: A Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts from the Collection of Paul and Mary Mellon. Volume Three: Manuscripts, Mellon MS 20.

Notes:-Manuscript on paper of an alchemical compilation, apparently the holograph of the original compiler, not identified. Probably the laboratory notes of a practicing alchemist. Includes lists of Flemish names, apparently identifying fellow practitioners in early alchemy; and laboratory procedures, designed primarily to color metals and to carry out other operations with various substances. Leaves inserted and blank pages filled at later dates.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

Direct Link: http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/MellonMS20_47

Language: Latin; German *Country:* Netherlands *Century:* 15th

View a detailed description: http://brbl-net.library.yale.edu/pre1600ms/docs/pre1600.mell020.htm

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Part 1:

Description: - paper - Outstretched hand, the fingerjoints indicated, a four-leafed petal extending from the tip of the third finger, the wrist and cuff of a sleeve also depicted, comparable to Briquet 11423. - 140 x 104 (100 x 59) mm.

Country: Netherlands

Region: Low Countries

Assigned Date: [ca. 1490; 1790]

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1490 - 1790

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes:

Script: The original part of the codex (ff. 1-133) written in a very fine, neat, and clear humanistic hand, and using a considerable range of alchemical symbols; the later additions (ff. 134-145) consist of Latin sections written in a neat italic and German passages in flowing cursive, perhaps both by a single German hand of the 18th century.

Notes: Headings of procedures in red and blue alternating in the original section, and with some capitals stroked red; no color in the additions. No ornament. Though the whole of the manuscript has suffered some marginal water-staining since it was bound, it appears certain that other stains and damage occurred while the separated quires, or groups of them, remained unbound.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Title: Alchemical compilation.

Subjects: Alchemy--Early works to 1800.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Science, Medieval.;

Language(s): Latin; German

Notes: In Latin, with later additions in Latin and German.